

## Refugees Flee South Italy

## Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor  
ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Shhhhhh . . . !

Doubtful News: We Grow Older

In the larger cities you meet with increasing frequency local laws forbidding the blowing of automobile horns, and the playing of any kind of sidewalk music; but I didn't know until this morning's mail arrived that this is part of a national campaign.

It stems from a Washington, D. C., group known as the National Noise Abatement Council. The council's newest pamphlet, "Stop Needless Noise," says:

## Japs Putting Up Suicide Stand on Attu Island

—War in Pacific

By The Associated Press  
American troops were reported tightening the pressure on trapped remnants of the Japanese garrison on Attu Island today, while U. S. fighter planes kept vigil to beat off any new attacks by Japanese planes attempting to aid their beleaguered ground forces.

Fighting from rock-hewn caves and ridges, composing the toughest barriers of natural defense, the Japanese were clearly putting up a suicide stand rather than surrender despite the hopelessness of their position, but the Navy announced that U. S. troops were closing in and that several enemy strongpoints had been liquidated.

Five of 16 Japanese twin-engined bombers were shot out of the skies over Attu by six American fighter planes Sunday. Two U. S. planes were downed, but the pilot of one was rescued.

At the southern end of the Pacific battle theater, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that far-ranging U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators dropped more than 16 tons of bombs in an attack on the key Japanese base at Rabaul, New Britain, setting fires visible for 100 miles.

The raiders struck in two waves, pounding Rabaul's three air-dromes and seaplane base for 45 and 30 minutes.

Other United Nations airmen bombed the enemy base at Gasmata, New Britain, for the 13th day in a row, and also attacked Koeang on Japanese-occupied Tinor Island and Lae and Finnschafen, New Guinea.

On the Burma front, RAF warplanes made three bombing attacks on Japanese troops south of Maungdaw, on the Bay of Bengal coast, and strafed the enemy near Buthedau. No land fighting was reported.

Transportation of Baltimore Hit by Walkout

Baltimore, May 25 (AP).—Cessation of work by AFL-affiliated transit workers who said they left their jobs to attend a union meeting threw a further verdict today upon Baltimore's war-crowded transportation system, already taxed by a critical shortage of gasoline for private cars and cabs.

A Baltimore transit company spokesman estimated 80 per cent of the concern's street cars, trackless trolleys and buses still were operating. There was no picketing or disorder.

The spokesman who said the work stoppage by members of the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees began about 4 a.m., estimated the number of absences at "several hundred."

A. H. Keeler, international union representative, asserted "there is no strike. There is just a meeting." Union officials said there were more than 1,000 men in the union hall.

The transit company spokesman said the street car lines most seriously affected were those serving the Bethlehem, Fairfield and Bethlehem Sparrows point shipyards.

Union leaders said that a conference had been scheduled for this afternoon with a representative of the War Labor Board and in the meantime met in another conference with Mayor Theodore R. McFelding.

The Amalgamated, which previously had voted authority to its executive board to call a strike if the transit company refused to comply with orders of the War Labor and national labor relations board to reinstate ten former employees and cease recognition of an independent union of transit employees, staged a one-day walkout last December.

## Jack Dempsey's Trial for Divorce Begins

White Plains, N. Y., May 25 (AP).—The trial of Jack Dempsey's divorce suit against his wife, Hannah Williams, the former "Cheerful Little Earth" of musical comedy, began in state Supreme Court today with several witnesses testifying she was friendly with former Lightweight Champion Lew Jenkins and Benny Woodall, one-time Jenkins' trainer.

Dempsey, now a lieutenant commander in the Coast Guard, has charged his wife intimacies and named the two men as co-respondents.

Mrs. Dempsey has filed counter-suit for divorce, but her allegations have not been made public. Both seek custody of their two children, Jean, eight, and Barbara, six.

Mrs. Dempsey frequently took on and put off a pair of dark glasses during the testimony. The former heavyweight champion, wearing his Coast Guard uniform, sat expressionless. The courtroom was sparsely filled.

## 49,000 Idle, Closing 3 Big Rubber Plants

By CARTER L. DAVIDSON

Akron, O., May 25 (AP).—Three major rubber companies reported all production ceased today as the number of CIO employees idle in a protest against a War Labor Board wage decision rose to 49,000, despite a War Department demand for resumption of work.

Several hundred pickets, forming a shoulder-to-shoulder barricade at three gates to Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.'s No. 1 plant, turned back workers employed on the first day shift.

Crowds started gathering in front of the plant of Akron's east side more than an hour before the usual time for change of shifts. Some men were ejected forcibly as others pushed them through the picket line, but there was no violence.

Only plant guards and supervisory employees were permitted to enter, and three hours after the picket line formed, the crowds thinned out. A Goodyear spokesman said 18,000 CIO United Rubber workers were idle at all its plants, excepting Goodyear Aircraft Corp., a subsidiary not affected by the work stoppage. About 14,000 remained idle for the fourth day at the B. F. Goodrich Co. and 17,000 at the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.

The three concerns normally are masks, barrage balloons, life belts, airplane de-icers, tank treads, anti-aircraft guns, machine gun clips, civilian and combat tires and other war materials.

Idleness became the greatest in the history of Akron's rubber industry a few hours after James

Adkins Would Aid States in Flood Loss

Little Rock, May 25 (AP).—Gov.

Adkins thinks the federal government should help states repair highway and bridges damaged by floods, he told newsmen today.

"There ought to be some consideration in the way of matching money for states which have suffered severe losses to their highway systems," he declared.

Adkins said there had been major damage at the Van Buren bridge near Fort Smith where the Arkansas river apparently had cut a new channel. He said the state might have to construct a new 1,700-foot span there to join the existing bridge.

Gov. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma invited Adkins to join in a personal appeal to Washington authorities. Kerr said he would be in Washington Thursday and suggested that Adkins join him or send a representative. Adkins said he had not decided.

State Health Officer W. B. Grayson advised the governor that the health problem at Fort Smith was well under control.

"We will follow through downstream as the water recedes with all possible assistance," Grayson said.

Adkins said the stage was 34.3, an overnight rise of 1.1 and 5 above the recent crest.

U.S. Engineers said the new predictions did not change their expectations as to whether levees would hold. The engineers said six dikes were intact "and a good guess is that all will hold except one." The latter protects mostly farm land between here and Pine Bluff.

E. L. Pearson, the engineers' flood coordinator, said the predicted stage "shouldn't bother" Pine Bluff much other than for the usual seeps, and it should not affect the Pine Bluff arsenal at all.

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## Social and Personal

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor  
Phone 768 Between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m.

### Social Calendar

May, 26th The Cosmopolitan club will do volunteer work at the Surgical Dressing rooms, 7:45 to 9:30 o'clock. A brief social will follow at the home of Miss Mabel Ethridge with Mrs. Mack Stuart and Mrs. Perry Moses, hostesses.

May, 28th Mrs. Robert Campbell will present her violin and piano pupils in recital at the city hall, 8 o'clock.

Pupils of Mrs. Ralph Routhon in Recital Tonight

Mrs. Ralph Routhon will present her pupils in a program of piano numbers on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the recreational room of the First Methodist church. The public is invited to attend.

Taking part on the program are:

Norman Jean Archer, Lawrence Albritton, Adolphine Andrews, Betty Ann Benson, Jessie Clarice Brown, Mavis Baber, Nila Dean Compton, Lila Collier, Betty Ruth Coleman, Gwendolyn Evans, Aura Lou Harrison, Mavis Jones, Dorothy Moore, Mollie McFadden, Lyle Moore, Jr., Jim Morrow, Martha Sue Moore, Mary Ross McFadden, Nellie Frances Mullin, Parry McPherson, Margie O'Neal, Virginia O'Neal, Dorothy O'Neal, Hazel Patterson, John Paul Sanders, Sophia Williams, Martha Wray, Nannette Williams, and Kinard Young.

R. V. Herndon, Sr., is Entertained at Birthday Party

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lewis were hosts Saturday evening at their home on South Main street honoring Mrs. R. V. Herndon, Sr., who was celebrating a birthday.

During the evening the hostess served a delectable ice cream with birthday cake to the following: Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Herndon, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Kline Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Young, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Franklin, and Miss Opal Daniel.

The honoree received a number of lovely gifts.

June Wedding Plans Announced by Miss Williams

Miss Nancy Faye Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams of Little Rock, has announced plans for her wedding. Her engagement to Sgt. Kenneth Page of Kansas City was announced last week.

The wedding will take place at 10 a. m. Saturday, June 12, at the First Presbyterian church in Hope with the presbyterian church the Rev. Thomas Brewster officiating.

Lrs. Byron Brown of Sheridan will serve her sister as matron of honor, and Miss Patricia Ann Williams will be among her sister's bridesmaids. Other attendants will be Mrs. Dennis Anderson, of Minneapolis, Miss Frances Jean Williams, of Sheridan, cousin of the bride-elect, Miss Florence Davis and Miss Roslyn Hall.

The best man will be Sgt. Meyer Gelman, of Greenwood, Miss. Bridesmaids will be Byron Brown, of Sheridan, Crit Stuart, Sgt. Dennis Anderson of Minneapolis, and Sgt. Delbert Brundage of Flint, Mich. Mrs. C. C. McNeil, church or-

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Directed by Robert Z. Leonard

First race between a locomotive and a horse-drawn vehicle took place in Baltimore, Md., Aug. 25, 1930.

## Arkansas Congressmen Show Cotton Maid the Sights of Washington



—Photo by Howard Sutcliffe.

## Millet Early Hay Crop; Now Time to Plant

Millet will mature in 60 to 70 days and will furnish one of the earliest hay or grain crops of any crop that can be planted now. Oliver L. Adams, county agent, advised this week. For mid-summer supplementary pasture farmers will find millet very satisfactory.

Several types of millet may be used, including Foxtail, Pearl, Japanese, and Proso (Hog) millet. The seed may be broadcast or drilled using from 2 to 4 pecks per acre. Good seedbed preparation is necessary for best results, but where time will not permit intensive seedbed preparation, the seed may be broadcast and covered with a harrow.

Millet, appearing under sponsorship of the National Cotton Council and designated by Governor Homer M. Adkins as an official "Arkansas Traveler," was featured in a Washington all-cotton style show, sang at the Capital's Stage Door Canteen for service men and presented to Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard the official "Arkansas Traveler" invitation, signed by Governor Adkins.

**Resident of County Dies Near Emmet**

Mrs. Lula Messer, 65, a resident of Hempstead County for many years, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Bernard Piercy, Emmet Route 3, early today. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

She is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. Mamie Reyna and Mrs. Charles Stephens of Emmet Route 3, eight sons, C. E. and Clifford Messer, of Hope, Alfred and Othel Messer, of Emmet Route 3, Clyde and Cleve, with armed forces, Walter and Vernon Messer, of Alvin, Texas, two brothers, Melvin and B. S. Welsh, of Arkadelphia and a sister, Mrs. Ora Bennett of Beaumont, Texas.

**WLB Aiming at Decision in Coal Dispute**

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS

Washington, May 25 (AP)—The War Labor Board, aiming at a decision late today in the soft coal wage dispute, may throw the miners' portal-to-portal (underground travel) pay demand back into collective bargaining. Some miners favor such action.

Authoritative sources indicated the board was prepared to grant the miners' concessions in the form of higher vacation pay and elimination of occupational charges such as rental of their electric cap lamps and purchase of certain tools. In addition, certain provisions may be ordered to give the miners better assurances of a full six-day week. At present they receive time and a half on Saturdays only if they work all five preceding days. Sometimes they are idle on one or more of these days for reasons beyond their control.

The operators, critical of the report of the fact-finding panel, asked the board to hear oral argument, but it is understood the board is not sympathetic to any further delays. The board officially reported that no action was taken on the operators' request.

The panel, which reported last Friday, said the portal-to-portal pay demand was an initial subject for collective bargaining. Authoritative sources said the board is giving serious consideration to this suggestion, with an amendment limiting the bargaining period. Such action by the board could be construed as approval of any reasonable sum the miners and operators might agree upon for underground travel pay. If no agreement was reached within a specified period, the board then could decide the issue.

Both operators and miners concede that the practical effect of any portal-to-portal pay order is fraught with administrative and legal complications, and for that reason some board members, at least, believe the problems could be worked out best in negotiations.

Treasury officials confirmed yesterday that they have approved salary increases for thousands of mine supervisory employees. The raises amount to \$35 to \$40 a month, they said. The justification they explained is the six-day week, which increases the earnings of the production workers \$10.50 a week and upwards when he works six days.

The plane was doing a number of crazy things now. The Jap no longer was speaking English, he was talking excitedly in his native tongue.

Brit and Rick were rolling around again. Rick was snarling a language Beth did not recognize. Now Brit was up. He held Rick's arms firmly. Rick kicked viciously. Brit swung him around toward the end of the cabin, away from Beth and the Jap.

As Rick and Brit neared the end of the cabin they gained momentum. Brit pulled Rick's body around so that when they hit Rick took the full impact of both of them on the top of his head. He crumpled to the floor, stunned. Rick yanked off his tie and made Rick's arms secure.

"Miss Danton doesn't like it back there," Beth said.

"It's more comfortable than the firing squad all three of these spies ought to get there," Brit said.

"We've only got gas for three more hours," he said. "My navigation had better be correct and we'd better be awfully lucky."

## Ford's Condition Said to Be Critical

Detroit, May 25 (AP)—Edsel Ford, 49-year-old president of the Ford Motor Company, was reported today as still in a critical condition from undulant fever at his home on Lake St. Clair.

Ford, the only son of Henry Ford, founder of the vast industrial empire, has been chief executive of the company for 24 years.

## More Bundle Toting on East Coast

By TOM REEDY

Washington, May 25 (AP)—More bundle-toting for the East was decreed today in an order sharply curtailing delivery services and in the case of many luxury items prohibiting them entirely. The order was coupled with a warning that the already critical gasoline shortage along the Atlantic seaboard would grow worse.

The order, effective at 12:01 a. m. (EST) Thursday, was issued by the Office of Defense Transportation last night for 31 northeastern states and the District of Columbia.

Limitations were placed on both both and retail deliveries. The ODT listed the maximum number of deliveries which may be made in one week between two given points for certain commodities. Transportation companies were instructed to rearrange their routes to cut out duplication. All Sunday deliveries except ice, fresh milk and cream, were forbidden.

The order came on top of a 40-per cent cut in mileage rationing for bus, truck and taxi travel. Virtually empty streets resulted in many eastern cities as gasoline stations put up "empty" signs and the Office of Price Administration renewed policing of motorists in search of pleasure drivers.

The ODT said the situation would become more "serious" in the next 60 days as "the full effect of the widespread disruption of the west-east petroleum movement caused by the mid-west floods" is felt.

Additional transportation restrictions then may be necessary, the agency said. It was understood that as originally drawn the delivery order was a great deal more stringent than the version announced and that the deleted restrictions will be revised if the crisis becomes more acute.

A more optimistic view came, however, from W. Alton Jones, president of War Emergency Pipelines, Inc., who disclosed in New York that a breach in the big line caused last week by flood waters of the Arkansas river had been closed and the eastward flow of petroleum renewed.

Completely prohibited after tomorrow are retail deliveries of alcoholic beverages, wines and beer, soft drinks, tobacco and candy, ice cream, magazines, flowers except for funerals, toys, novelties, jewelry, furs, radios, phonographs and antiques.

Defining as retail delivery as one made to a person, household or family, the ODT order restricts service to three a week on meat, poultry, eggs, fruits, vegetables, fish, bread and perishable bakery products, four on fresh milk or cream, two on laundry and dry cleaning, seven on ice—or daily—and six on parts or supplies needed for repairs.

Wholesale deliveries were held to five in the food category, six on bread, one on alcoholic beverages, two on soft drinks, tobacco and candy, beer in kegs; six on milk and cream, five on laundry and dry cleaning, seven on ice cream and magazines, and five on cut flowers.

Meanwhile from war-blooming Maryland came a plea for help, Governor O'Connor urging transfer of fuel from what he termed areas less active in essential production. He said the gas shortage threatened a work stoppage. The appeal was sent to Interior Secretary Ikes.

From Ikes' office came a report that the coordinator was investigating the possibility of blending alcohol with gasoline to pad out the supply. Oil industry authorities said the mixture would make a useable fuel but that alcohol stocks in the east are none too high and the resulting blend would be expensive.

Thirty different airplane models are produced for Great Britain by American factories.

Texas has nearly 17,000 miles of railroads and leads all states of the Union in this respect.

Lake Michigan has a three-inch tide.

## Head to Speak at Meeting of Economy Bloc



WALTER W. HEAD

Walter W. Head, Chairman of the War Finance Committee of the Eighth Federal Reserve District, of which Arkansas is a part, will be the principal speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Arkansas Public Expenditure Council. The dinner will be at the Little Rock Country Club at 6:30 p. m., Thursday, May 27.

Arrangements for the dinner, which is for members of the Council and guests, are in charge of a host committee comprised of 97 outstanding civic and business leaders of Arkansas. Twenty-two counties and 29 different business interests are represented on this committee.

In announcing plans for the dinner, Dr. George S. Benson, president of the council, also stated there would be a business meeting of the members at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Marion Hotel in Little Rock. Directors are to be elected and policies and activities of the organization for the ensuing year will be discussed.

The Council, a non-political, statewide association of taxpayers has been in operation in Arkansas since last July. Sole objective of the group is to promote economy and efficiency in federal, state and local government.

## WPB Places Limit on Cloth Fabrics

Washington, May 25 (AP)—Now, the War Production Board has decided, is the time to freeze fashion.

A new decree limiting the amount of fabric in women's clothing was issued by the WPB with the explanation that it would keep existing wardrobes in style and thus discourage non-essential purchases. At the same time, the board said it would be possible to indulge in creative design.

Production was banned entirely on double-breasted suits and jackets, culottes, skating skirts, reversibly lined or quilted skirts, dresses with vent or Norfolk backs and epaulets.

The order, a revision of the original women's clothing restrictions of 13 months ago, divides the use of fabrics into two categories of conservation control.

The "body basic" category restricts measurements of the basic silhouette of the untrimmed dress according to size, with a size 16 allowed a maximum of 56 inches at the hips and 72 inches skirt sweep.

The "trimming allowance" restricts the size and design of fabric trimmings for a dress on a square-inch basis with the maximum approximating half a yard of 39-inch wide material.

Weekwear items are limited in width, thickness and depth while bows, ruffles and other frills are curtailed in both size and number.

Although the skirt sweep of a maternity dress is restricted to 80 inches, the hip measurement may exceed the body basic without curtailment in usual women's wear.

The order takes effect Thursday for manufacturers' cutting of autumn and winter clothing, and July 1 for summer wear.

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## Registration for Summer School Band

The Hope Summer Band School, directed by Thomas Lovin, begins today and tomorrow at the band building at the local high school.

This school is for advanced as well as beginning students. It will feature extensive music courses for all students enrolled and the classes will meet daily, Monday through Friday.

This course is especially valuable to beginning students because the material covered in the six weeks course is equal to one full semester in the regular fall term.

Beginners may either buy or rent instruments. The school has a limited number of musical instruments that can be rented for one dollar per month.

Students will be divided into three groups: Blue band for advanced students, Green band for students with one to two years' experience, and Red band for beginners.

Parents who are interested in placing their children in the band should contact Mr. Lovin at the local high school Tuesday morning.

Olegsby Music Scholarship award was awarded this year to Eddie Stewart, member of the sixth grade. This award was offered to the student making the most honor points in band work for the school year. These honor points are given for a number of things, including attendance, solo playing in public, and home practice.

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